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SUBJECT: INTERVIEW WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG

1. THE GOTEBOURG DAILY, GOTEBOURGS-POSTEN (LIBERAL) ON MAY 18
CARRIES AN INTERVIEW BY ITS FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT, BRITT-MARIE
MATTSON, WITH U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. ANDREW YOUNG. THE
INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE.

2. IN THE INTERVIEW, ENTITLED "AFRICA IS NO VIETNAM. WE HAVE A
NEW POLICY," AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE U.S.
WOULD NOT RPT NOT INTERVENE MILITARILY IN RHODESIA, EVEN IF THE
"PATRIOTIC FRONT SHOULD GET SUPPORT FROM CUBA, FOR EXAMPLE."

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REFERRING TO CRITICISM BY ZANU LEADER ROBERT MUGABE OF AMERICAN
POLICY IN AFRICA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG ASSERTS THAT "MUGABE HAS
EVERY RIGHT TO BE SUSPICIOUS AND CYNICAL. HE (MUGABE) REFERRED
MAINLY TO U.S. FOREIGN POLICY DURING THE 1960'S AND THE
BEGINNING OF THE 1970'S, AND I AM CRITICAL OF THAT AS WELL."
THE AMBASSADOR ADDES, "NOT EVERYONE HAS YET UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
U.S. ATTITUDE HAS CHANGED RADICALLY SINCE CARTER BECAME

PRESIDENT."

3. CONCERNING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE' S MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN VIENNA, AMBASSADOR YOUNG POINTS OUT THAT "NEITHER VORSTER NOR SMITH CAN EXPECT ANY AMERICAN SUPPORT, AND THIS MONDALE WILL POINT OUT."

4. ACCORDING TO THE GOTEBORGS-POSTEN CORRESPONDENT, AMBASSADOR YOUNG DOWNPLAYED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA, QUOTING HIM AS SAYING THAT "THE RUSSIANS COULD NOT RPT NOT EVEN MANAGE TO GET A NAVAL BASE HERE IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND THAT'S EVIDENCE ENOUGH."
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